ABSOLUTE RATING: Good

IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 85.

The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

Absolute Rating Good

Improvement Rating Unsatisfactory

2001 2002

2003

2004 (Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS

Our School

Schools With Students Like Ours









Mathematics English/ Language Arts

Mathematics

English/ Language Arts

Advanced







DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
	English/			Social
Student Group	Language Arts	Math	Science	Studies
All students (n=127)	89	79.5	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than				
Speech (n=11)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=116)	92.2	84.5		
Gender				
Male (n=65)	84.6	73.8		
Female (n=62)	93.5	85.5		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=6)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=121)	90.1	80.2		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=46)	87	67.4		
Pay for lunch (n=81)	90.1	86.4		

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
Dollars spent per student	\$7,221	N/A	\$5,090	\$5,347
 Prime instructional time 	89.9%	Up from 89.4%	90.5%	90.2%
 Student-teacher ratio in core subjects 	14.2 to 1	N/A	19.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=325)				
Attendance Rate	95.7%	Down from 97%	96.3%	96.2%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level 	0.8%	N/A	3.2%	4.1%
 Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade leve 	1.6% I	N/A	2.2%	3.1%
 First graders who attended full day kindergarten 	94.4%	Down from 98.29	% 96.1%	96.3%
 Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards 	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Retention rate TEACHERS (n=29)	0.8%	Down from 1.1%	2.9%	3.6%
Professional Development	9.1 Days	Down from 9.6	7.8 Days	7.6 days
days per teacher	9.1 Days	Down nom 9.0	7.0 Days	7.0 days
Attendance Rate	95.9%	Up from 94.9%	95.4%	95.1%
 Teachers with advanced degrees 	69%	Up from 60.7%	48.5%	47.7%
Continuing contract teachers	86.2%	Up from 82.1%	85.9%	83.8%
 Teachers with out-of-field permits 	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
 Teachers returning from the previous school year 	90%	Down from 92.2	% 88.6%	87.2%
 Average teacher salary 	\$39,823	Up 7.1%	\$38,042	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

		Change From	Schools with Students	Median Elementary
	Our School	Last Year	like ours	School
SCHOOL				
 Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries 	67.1%	N/A	64.4%	65.3%
 Principal's years at the school 	4	N/A	4	4.0
 Parents attending conferences 	99.7%	N/A	95.4%	95.6%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
 On academic plans 	N/A	N/A	38.5%	43.1%
 On academic probation 	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
 Older than usual for grade 	0.9%	Up from 0%	0.9%	1.1%
 Suspended or expelled 	0	N/A	0	1
 Gifted and talented 	15.5%	Up from 13.8%	15.6%	11.5%
With disabilities other than speech	5.1%	Down from 6.5%	8.5%	8.4%

PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Preparing our students for the future is the number one priority at Bethany Elementary School. This is evident in our students' academic and artistic performance and their participation in a number of service learning projects. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- *The spring 2000 PACT scores continued to be significantly above the state average with noticeable gains in the number of students scoring at the proficient and advanced levels in most areas.
- *Bethany was selected as one of 23 elementary Exemplary Writing Schools in the state.
- *A strong character education program was developed and implemented.
- *Three students were selected to the All State Elementary Choir.
- *Several students' writings and artwork were published in The Southern Sampler.

Bethany is fortunate to have a dedicated staff of caring individuals who continually work to improve their knowledge and teaching skills. Four teachers are seeking National Board certification. Others are participating in the SC Reading Initiative, pursuing advanced degrees, and presenting at conferences.

Spearheaded by our student council, students have participated in several service learning activities. These include the Christmas Can Food Drive, St. Jude's Mathathon. Pennies for Patients, and Save the Rainforest/Whales Campaign.

We appreciate the support of a strong PTO and School Improvement Council. The PTO raised funds for student tee shirts, fine arts programs, and basketball goals. Moneys were also used to supplement the school-wide writing program and yearbook. SIC met monthly to discuss ways to improve the total school program and helped develop the school renewal plan. These groups worked together to make our school a better place for children.

As you can see, many exciting things are happening at Bethany.



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Grades PK-4 Elementary School

Enrollment: 325 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade: Average

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

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Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	93.5	95.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.3	96.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	98.4	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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